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Mr. David Gelber  
60 Minutes  
CBS-TV  
524 West 57th Street  
New York, New York 10019

re: Daminozide/UDMH

Dear David:

Uniroyal Chemical has studied extensively the safety of daminozide for more than 20 years.

In 20 years of production and use, there is no evidence of adverse health effects among employees, applicators or anyone else exposed to daminozide. The tests originally cited as suggesting a connection between daminozide and health concerns were evaluated by the EPA's Scientific Advisory Panel in 1985 as too unreliable for regulatory decision-making purposes.

New carcinogenicity studies on daminozide, carried out by an independent laboratory under approved EPA test procedures, were completed in 1988. The independent pathologists concluded that daminozide is not carcinogenic in rats or mice. Five separate studies determined that daminozide is not mutagenic.

Since reliable studies on UDMH are not available, Uniroyal Chemical initiated, and is concluding, several lifetime carcinogenicity studies on UDMH, again under approved EPA test procedures. Final results will not be available until late this year. In the meantime, four other studies have proven UDMH is not mutagenic.

Daminozide is an important management tool for growers which allows them to supply high quality, wholesome and nutritious products year round. Daminozide has become an important part of integrated pest management (IPM) programs across the country, reducing the overall need for pesticide use.

Uniroyal Chemical recognizes that the use of any product may pose some risk, however minute, and the public should evaluate relative risk. Attached is a comparison of the alleged "worst case" risk from lifetime exposure to daminozide and UDMH to common products consumed by the public. The conclusion is obvious; any risk from daminozide or UDMH, if it exists, is negligible.

Sincerely,

  
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